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Chairman's Message

There is a well worn cliché which states "that self praise is no recommendation". Fair enough, then let us read what others write about Tattersall's Club. The "Australian Hotel Association Review" a magazine with a large circulation writes as follows — "The Wholesale Wine and Spirit Merchants Association Annual Dinner Dance held at Tattersall's Club turned out to be a happy and enjoyable occasion for everyone present. Tattersall's is, of course, one of Sydney's grand old Clubs and provided a fine setting for the evening. The food was superb and the service was, well Tattersall's and it does not come much better than that".

Now an extract from the "Rotary Club of Sydney Bulletin" — Attendance has improved significantly for the month of July. It is interesting to note that attendances on Tuesdays have been higher since we moved too Tattersall's Club". Both of these articles refer to our 1st Floor Club Room which is quickly establishing a top reputation for banquets, wedding receptions, conventions, luncheons, company and club meetings.

I note on the Committee agenda for our next meeting "Dining Room". Your Committee will have done their homework and the discussion should resolve around, purchase of food, the cooking and the presentation to members. The "atmosphere" of the Dining Room will be discussed. Are the lights too bright! Should they be dim? Candles on the table (could be removed by request). Brighter coloured napkins etc, etc. As I sit in the chair weighing up the various submissions of my Committee I will think of the common cold "sometimes the eyes have it and sometimes the nose".

Received a letter from a member requesting me to write more articles in the magazine on racing. He stated that until he read the article in percentage betting, he did not realize that a bookmaker called 3/1 means that the horse has three chances of losing and one chance of winning making a total of four. Divide that into one hundred and the result is 25/1. The bookmakers board must always total over 100% or you could back every horse in the race and beat him. However, it is a matter for our Editor, if he provides the space I will write another article. Remember it is the duty of the Editor to separate the wheat from the chaff and see that the chaff is printed. For the present a piece of free advice and always remember that advice is worth what you pay for it.

- (a) A good horse and a bad jockey — a fair bet
- (b) A bad horse and a good jockey — a bad bet
- (c) A bad horse and a bad jockey — no bet
- (d) A good horse and a good jockey — a good bet

As promised the painting of the first, second and third floor is progressing according to schedule with the least inconvenience to members.

As usual a few members have complained, They must appreciate that it is the duty of the Committee not only to maintain and improve the decor of the Club but to preserve its assets. There has been nothing but praise for the new look Billiards and Snooker Room whilst the Championship Snooker looks perfect. What a great job Jack O'Neill, Sid Lane and Henry Lobb are doing for the Snooker Calcutta. Once again it looks as though a third floor contestant has sneaked under the guard of the handicapper viz., Gordon Salier. Following his win over Phil Hase the odds on Gordon have shortened considerably.

Tattersall's has always been a great card playing Club. The Card Room in one section of the Club that has maintained its usage over the years. Card players have a natural attraction for me with their dedication and endurance. Norm Rogers one of their leaders always says "A great Club Tattersall's you can trust everybody". Nevertheless he always insists on cutting the cards.

After careful consideration by your Committee we have now affiliated with three additional Clubs. The Lansdowne Club in London, the Hong Kong Cricket Club and The Tanglin Club of Singapore. These Clubs are modern with top class dining rooms, athletic department and sporting facilities. Enquiries re same should be made at our Club office.

The new summer dress reform commences on the first of October and remains in force until Easter Monday 1978. A brief resume of the rule is as follows. Short or long sleeved safari jacket with or without applicable collar or tie may be worn. Exception: After 5.00 p.m. on the First and Fourth Floors it is safari jacket collar and tie.

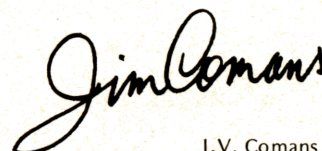
Always remember

As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons, Speak your truth quietly and clearly;

Listen to others, even the dull and ignorant;

They, too, have their story.

With every wish,



J.V. Comans
Chairman

AJC Plans In Action Will Benefit Racing

MAJOR GENERAL (JIM) NORRIE ATTACKING PROBLEMS



Randwick Racecourse, that tranquil haven for horseplayers in Sydney's busy metropolis, is buzzing with activity.

And not only because many of the best horses in the land are preparing to compete for \$530,000 in prize money at the coming A.J.C. Spring Carnival.

Major-General J.W. (Jim) Norrie, A.O., O.B.E., is attacking the task of being chief executive of Australia's senior racing club with a rare brand of vigour and enthusiasm.

Major-General Norrie took up office as Secretary/General Manager of the Australian Jockey Club early in April, shortly before the start of this year's Sydney Cup Carnival, and he has not let the grass grow under his feet.

One of Major-General Norrie's first moves was to convene Master Planning Meetings for both Randwick and Warwick Farm Racecourses. These meetings have been attended by representatives of owners, trainers, jockeys, farriers, breeders, bookmakers and the press — in fact everyone interested in the advancement of racing. Many worthwhile ideas have been proposed in lively discussion and a Master Planning Committee has been formed to follow the ideas through.

"It is my role to look at what is needed to improve the courses for participants and patrons and to listen to as many ideas as possible," Major-General Norrie said. "However, it will be the A.J.C. Committee who will make the policy. Many of the suggested plans would cost the Club a fortune to implement. But we must look to the future and not just keep adding bits and pieces like a patchwork quilt".

Suggestions being considered in the early stages of the Master Planning include a horse swimming pool and a veterinary hospital on Randwick Racecourse.

The Club must examine all suggested innovations at Randwick in the light of its policy to provide more stable accommodation on the racecourse.

Improvements are currently being carried out in the St. Leger enclosure at Randwick, where the cafeteria and bar area under the grandstand is receiving a \$100,000 facelift. This will result in an attractive bistro type area where patrons will enjoy improved dining, drinking and T.V. viewing facilities. A new ladies' toilet block is also under construction in the St. Leger, adjacent to the betting ring.

As a result of the installation of the new computer totalisator, the old totalisator building in the centre of the course has been demolished and this area is to be landscaped and beautified.

The Club also intends to extend the "B" grass training track to improve training facilities for the large number of horses — presently in excess of 550 — in work at Randwick.

Since the commencement of operations totalisator turnover has increased by 30% compared with the corresponding period last year. It is anticipated that turnover will continue to increase as the experience and understanding of both patrons and totalisator operators develops.

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ANYONE FOR THE EXTRA PETROL AND OIL BILL?

The total number of kilometres travelled by all vehicles including trucks, during the year was about 162.6 million km.

An Australian car or station wagon is driven an average of 15,700 km a year, according to statistics.

A motor cyclist on average travels much less — about 5,600 km — while people with utilities and panel vans drive more (18,500 km).

Cars and station wagons in Australia travelled a total of 80,279,300 km in the 12 months to last September.

UP HONOLULU WAY

Aussie food broker, Len Cope, told me he has landed a contract for supply of three million "Hot Dogs" for schools. Local kids gobble them up as free lunch. It means children from poorer quarters will get one good meal a day. School breakfast is served too at a charge. Interesting point he added, there is a senior citizens table at all schools — a meal costs 25 cents.

DINNER TALE

Recent food hassle reminded me of a war time story. A little old lady joined a queue not knowing what it was all about, so she tagged along. "What are they selling?" she asked her queue-mate. "Tales of Hoffman" the gent snapped. "Oh well" sez the L.O.L., "I'll get a couple — my husband eats almost anything!"

BRITAIN NOT STUMPED!

Is it the triumphs on the cricket field which have lifted morale?

A rare mood of optimism has been spreading in Britain that the nation may not, after all, be tottering towards some abyss.

The pound, which has been a bargain-basement currency for most foreigners, so cheap abroad as to bring record millions of tourists to Britain.



P.S. My design for cricket stumps to be used in future. The dollar is to keep the stumps and the game together.

... OS. BATES

WINING, DINING and CLUB NOTES

We were delighted with Morton Brewster presence at the club along with a happy gathering of his good friends. Members included Bill Stack, Bill Lander, Ian McDougall, Jack Monro, Harry Thorn. Visitors who also gathered to enjoy seeing Mort were Peter Lloyd, Frank Browne, Bill Taylor, John Campbell and Alan Hallett. Hope we see a lot more of Mort with his large circle of friends.

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Swimming Club member, Derek Jackson, and wife, Norma, held a small family party to celebrate the 21st Birthday of their new daughter-in-law, Eva, and also to wish bon voyage to grandparents Sid and Thelma Jackson as they leave for a holiday in the Greek islands. Helping celebrate were son, Ian, daughter, Fiona and Eva's parents, Eva and Egon Navratil with daughter, Judy.

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Mike Lawrence, Resident Manager of the French Government agency in Australia, Bureau de Recherches Geologiques et Minieres, is in France for six weeks to participate in a reunion. He will also sneak time off to attend the International Wine and

Food Convention celebrating the Andre Simmons Centenary, in his cover identity as the fearless food writer for the working man's gourmet magazine "Wine and Spirit Buying Guide".

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A Party of 26 hosted by Neville O'Neill welcomed Mr. John Mac Gowan and his wife Kit and daughters Nancy and Holly from San Jose, Saratoga, California. It was Mrs. MacGowans birthday which happily coincided with their 2 year old colt "Kristy Lanes" birthday too.

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Robert Weatherdon staged a family party. His four daughters invited their boyfriends too — all named Robert — so there was some confusion when one of the members said "Pass the Sugar Please Robert".

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John & Robert sons of Mr. & Mrs. John Gilder celebrated the school holidays from Scots College. They joined at a joyous family meal in the dining room. John Snr. no doubt hopes one of the boys will break through in cricket. He was a fine bowler in the Paddington Grade side — especially when the wicket was "doing a bit".

Heard from John McCleau who has just completed the trip across the Nullabor and I quote "It is no such a bad trip at all' John will be able to give us a first-hand report from Broome on the earthquake and tidal wave effect, as a normal tide rises at least 30 feet.

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Sam Block arrived back from Honolulu, said noticed many members of "Tattersalls" enjoying the glorious sun and relaxed atmosphere of that marvellous tropic isle.

Among the visitors were STC directors Don Storey and George Benyon, Tony McSweeney, Geoff Clubb, (Bricky) Williams and Tom and Dick Smith were in the swim too.

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The inimitable Arthur O'Connor arranged a small club party for his son Rory. Reason was to say happy sailing to Rory and his Sydney High School mate who will wander the world in a 30 foot yacht. Arthur arranged for all phone calls from across the world to be reversed charged to the editor! "That's Arthur!" — agreed Norm Rogers and Chas. Robinson who helped wave the boys away.

FIESTA HAWAII

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| 1. HONOLULU SPREE — 22 nights, Royal Hawaii Hotel | \$1390 |
| 2. HONOLULU HOLIDAY — 14 nights, Royal Hawaii Hotel | \$1195 |
| 3. HONOLULU & MAUI — 20 nights
14 nights Royal Hawaii Hotel — 6 nights Sheraton Maui | \$1390 |
| 4. WEST COAST BONANZA — 22 nights
inc. Los Angeles — Disneyland — Las Vegas — San Francisco — Honolulu | \$1595 |
| 5. HAWAIIAN ADVENTURE — 13 nights, Royal Hawaii Hotel | \$1160 |
| 6. GAMBLERS SPECIAL — 21 nights
4 nights Beverley Wilshire L.A. — 4 nights Caesars Palace inc. New Years Eve Ball
— 13 nights Kahala Hilton | \$1550 |



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A.J.C. Racing continued from page 2.

For patrons, the new totalisator offers accurate odds, displayed widely around the racecourses on the new Ferranti Packard indicators and television monitors. The odds are shown as dividends payable for \$1.00 and are recalculated and updated every 15 seconds.

After each race the dividends are written electronically to all indicators. Patrons can then see that the dividends paid correspond precisely with the odds offered before the race. This accuracy has engendered a high level of confidence in the totalisator.

Odds are available not only for Win & Place betting, but also for Quinella, Consecutive Doubles and Special, Extra and Daily Doubles and Forecast betting for local and interstate races.

The ticket issuing machines are capable of issuing tickets for any bet type for any race and for any bet value on either Sydney, Melbourne or

Brisbane races.

Ticket selling windows have been colour-coded to indicate the preferred function of the window. For example, blue windows sell only Win & Place bets. This technique was introduced as a transitional procedure to promote a rapid public understanding of the new system and to promote more gradual training of totalisator operators. Selling windows are now being converted to provide completely flexible ticket selling in all areas. These new, ALL-BETS windows already have been tested and have proved to be both effective and popular. The new totalisator, designed largely by P.A. Consulting Services Pty. Ltd., was constructed by and is operated by Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia) Ltd.

The totalisator consists of two identical computer systems housed in two separate mobile trailers which are moved between the four Sydney race-

courses as required. Each of the computers is capable of handling an entire race meeting of up to 36 races conducted at three separate racecourses.

The system, which cost \$5 million, processes about 50 bets per second. The response of the system to the operator, appears to be instantaneous.

The 240 selling machines and 8 indicators, each 35 feet long, are also moved between racecourses as required. The large infield indicators and all television displays have been permanently installed on site. The mobility of the smaller and more expensive items of equipment provided a reduced capital cost by comparison with fixed equipment at each racecourse and an improved equipment utilisation factor.

The new totalisator further provides various management facilities which are of considerable benefit to the totalisator operators and to the Clubs.

SYDNEY TURF CLUB SPRING CARNIVAL ALL ROUND HELP TO RACE GOERS

The opening day of the S.T.C. three-day Spring Carnival was held on Saturday, 3rd September, with the running of the Canterbury Guineas and the weight-for-age Canterbury Stakes. With the first stage of the Clyde Kennedy Stand completed, Canterbury Park Racecourse now

boasts the most modern public stand in Australia today and this new stand, along with the improvements to the course proper, has made the track very popular with Metropolitan racegoers.

Highlight was the breathtaking finish of the Canterbury Stakes when Romantic Dream defeated Luskin Star.

The second day of the Carnival, was on Saturday, 17th September, the rich Rosehill Guineas day. Top three-year-olds from all over Australasia run in the event which is the traditional lead-up to the A.J.C. Derby. Many top-class horses contest the Theo Marks Quality Handicap, is the preparation for the Epsom Handicap, as leading contenders for the Metropolitan Handicap start in the Rosehill Cup.

Final day of the S.T.C. Spring Carnival is on Saturday, 24th September, when the Hill Stakes and the Sydney Turf Club Cup are the feature events on the programme.

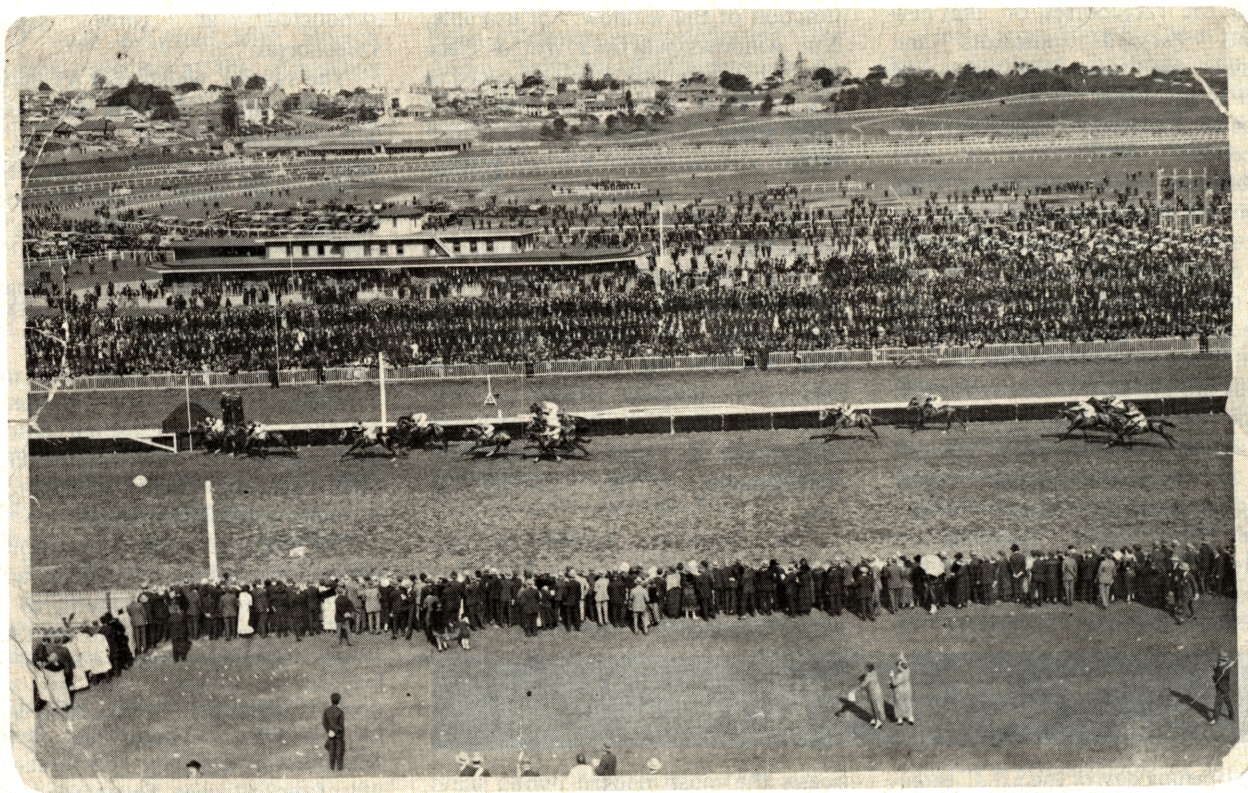
The Sydney Turf Club has made substantial improvements to totalisator facilities in the Paddock Enclosure at Rosehill. Two new buildings, one an Interstate Tote House and the second servicing mainly Sydney events, have already been completed. The Club's Chairman, Sir Clyde Kennedy, said "The final stage of redevelopment of the Rosehill Paddock will involve the demolition of the old, main Tote House, located at the rear of the Members' Stand, and the building of a new Garden Bar and a third Tote House. This work is expected to be completed before the end of this year."

Tattersall's members join the popular Chairman and his Committee in their progressive approach to racing.



Canterbury Clyde Kennedy Stand

Heroic defeated Gloaming in the Chelmsford. . .1924



TATTERSALL'S MEMBER, TRAINER LEO O'SULLIVAN TELLS ABOUT THE 1924 CHELMSFORD STAKES

Heroic's first race as a 3 year old was in the W.F.A. Warwick Stakes of six furlongs which was run at Randwick. He refused to jump away with the field and was left half a furlong.

During the week before the Chelmsford Stakes permission was given for the colt to have a special trial out of the barrier from the seven furlongs on the "A" Grass at Randwick. This trial took place after breakfast one morning and special precautions were taken to ensure him jumping away. The colt behaved well and amazed his trainer by running a record gallop.

When the field lined up for the Chelmsford Stakes on the Saturday, Gloaming was favourite but Heroic was heavily backed to beat him and duly won the race in then Australasian record time for nine furlongs." *Leo O'Sullivan.*

Newcastle Jockey Club Cup Carnival Great Success!

Chairman Roy Mahony said "1977 Cup Carnival week must rate as one of the most memorable in Newcastle racing. "White Horse" Cameron Handicap was a thriller." He went on to say "Rothmans sponsorship of the Windfield Cup lifted the prize money to the greatest stakes raced for outside the metropolitan area. I'd like to thank all the Sydney racegoers for their support too."

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by Ken Finn

1977 WEEK AT "ROSLYN"

As was anticipated with the early arrival of good snow, this ski season is the best for at least a decade. Our Ski Club commenced its activities with a memorable week at Thredbo as the guests of "Roslyn" Lodge members. The comforts and convenience of this lodge were extolled by us last year and this year left nothing to be desired. Many thanks to the A.A.C. directors and members for the hospitality.

None of us could recall a week of such uninterrupted perfection in the weather as was experienced on this occasion. No wind, blue sky, warm sun and temperature ranging from -8° to -1° with resultant dry powder snow EVERY DAY!

Sue Phillips produced similar Cordon Bleu delights as last year with one highlight being the "4th of July" fare in the best American tradition.

Among those coming and going during the week were Peter and Shirley Evans (Shirley had an uncomfortable leg muscle injury in the latter part of the week this is

now well on the mend). Marie Hodges (not long back from skiing in Yugoslavia, Tony and Carole Westhoff, Alan and Kay Connelly (Alan had to return to Sydney early in the week and became trapped in the office). Gavin and Candy Thompson along with Basil, Pam and Joanne Phillips were able to be with us in the early part of the week whilst Peter Burrows and Robyn Fraser joined us for the latter part. Peter donned the langlaufs for the first time and together with yours truly "attacked and conquered" Koscuisko. A passing aeroplane full of sightseers "buzzed us" as we stood by the trig on the summit — well, someone had to acknowledge it!

BUCKS' WEEK AT "WIRRUNA" PERISHER VALLEY 6-13 AUGUST 1977

by Mike Frawley

All the fellows who turned up for this week enjoyed fabulous skiing on fresh powder snow. Conditions at Perisher, particularly on the International Run, the Olympic and Sun Valley, were perfect for the downhillers, while the main range provided plenty of challenge for our cross-country pair, Ken Finn and George Andrews who alternated with the downhill.

Things were great back at the lodge too. "Wirruna" is a fine lodge by any standards, and although we lacked ten culinary expertise of Suzie Phillips (as enjoyed by our confreres at "Roslyn") the boys handled them-

selves very capably in the kitchen — leaving aside Mike O'Dea's breakfast porridge, which was strictly for the hardy! High point of the week was George Andrew's Chinese night.

We don't have the Tattersall's Cup competition this year but the consensus is that Lee Marshall, Ian Corban and Mike Tressider were the ones to beat. Most energy was expended by the "Downhill Dreadnaughts", Phil King and Mike O'Dea. A more sedate pace was maintained by Peter Evans, Pete Perry, Russell Debney, Nick Greiner and Mike Frawley, while Nick Heath and Dave Barnett supplemented their training for the City to Surf race by running up and down the road to Smiggin Holes — much to the amazement of the skiing fraternity.

OBITUARIES

BRADSHAW W.J.

Elected 27/6/60

Died 18/7/77

MURRAY A.F.

Elected 24/1/77

Died 10/8/77

VALE

It is with regret that we record the passing of an old friend grand sportsman and club supporter in W. (Bill) Loughnan. Our sincere sympathy and condolences are extended to his family.

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An Interview with
Club Member
JIM RUSSELL M.B.E.
Brilliant Cartoonist –
Tennis Administrator –
Travel Executive –

It seemed a simple question we put to Jim Russell, who has been a Club member for over 25 years, and who is well known, Australia wide, as the creator of the daily and Sunday weekly comic strip, "The Potts".

"Jim", we asked, "would you tell us something about how you work?"

"In which field?", he asked back "Travel, tennis, Olympics or cartooning?"

That was when it got a bit complicated because, as well as being so well known both here and overseas as a cartoonist, Jim operates three successful travel agencies in the Southern suburbs of Sydney, is a Director of the Australian Federation of Travel Agents, (has been for the past nine years and is Immediate Past President, having just served two years as Federal President of AFTA, and is a member of the National Executive of the Australian National Travel Association (ANTA).

But then Jim is also Vice President of the NSW Lawn Tennis Association and has been on the State Council for 27 years, as well as holding the Presidency of the prestigious White City Club for 15 years. In between times he was Public Relations Officer for the Australian LTA for 15 years and was Captain-Manager of two Australian teams to New Zealand.

He also regularly figures in the fund-raising campaigns for sending Australia's Olympic Games Teams away, as Publicity Officer and was appointed Press Liaison Officer to the Olympic Games Team to Mexico in 1968.

So it must have been a little confusing to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, when she awarded him an MBE last year for, as the Citation read: ". . his services to Sport and Tourism." Sadly, it seems, his main claim to fame as an internationally known cartoonist didn't get a mention at Buckingham Palace.



But we decided that it was in this field of endeavour, as a cartoonist, his fellow Club members would like to know more about his work. Jim told us:

"I started drawing "The Potts" in "Smiths Weekly" in January 1940 after Stan Cross had been drawing it under the title of "You and Me" from 1921 till the end of 1939.

The strip continued in weekly form in Smiths until 1950 when the paper closed down but that same week he signed a contract with the Melbourne Herald to produce a daily strip for them, to be syndicated throughout Australia.

By good luck The Melbourne Herald had sold the NSW rights of a new strip to be created by him to the Sydney Morning Herald.

It was an immediate success and later expanded its field as a Sunday strip in 1953.

To-day "The Potts" is recorded as the longest ever running strip in Australia and one of the three longest running in the world.

Jim started his art career as the office boy to the artists at Smiths Weekly in 1924 and here he met and worked for all the star name cartoonists of the day, including his hero, Stan Cross.

"It was Stan Cross who created the funniest cartoon I have seen", says Jim. "It was the famous "For Gawd's sake stop laughing, this is serious." For those younger members who have never seen it, the scene shows two building workers hanging from a girder, high above the street. One clutches the girder for dear life while the other is hanging on to his mate's pulled-down trousers showing bare, hairy legs. His shirt-tail makes it printable. It is left to the imagination of the reader what a view the underneath bloke gets looking up at his mate, and his roars of laughter at the sight above him endangers both their safety. Hence the plea: "For Gawd's sake stop laughing, this is serious."

"Smiths Weekly had the greatest team of comic artists held by any one newspaper in publishing history," Jim tells us "There were Cecil Hartt, Stan Cross, George Finey, Syd. Miller, Lance Driffield, Charles Hallett, Virgil Reilly and Joe Jonsson. Later they were joined by Joe Lynch, George Donaldson, Frank Dunne, Joan Morrison, Les Dixon and numerous others.

Jim, himself was the Art Editor between 1940 and 1950.

Art Conference days were hilarious affairs as the various artists presented their ideas for next week's issue and every one chipped in ideas to develop the gags.

After the Conference all trooped down to the Assembly Hotel next door or across the road to the Tudor. Later they could go on to the Durban Club Hotel in Elizabeth Street.

With Kenneth Slessor and a group of brilliant writers as drinking mates they could have produced another issue of 'Smiths' from the ideas which flowed at the same rate as the taps.

There was even a serious suggestion of buying the Assembly Hotel and putting a pipe line into the Art Room.

"That'd be no good", a serious minded journalist warned. "Your blokes wouldn't pay for your beer!"

"For goodness sake!" roared the little barrel-chested Swede, Joe Jonsson, "What der hell's der use of owning a pub if you've got to pay for the beer?"



A "THIS IS YOUR LIFE" TRIBUTE TO JIM
Left to right: Sir Edgar Tanner, Dawn Fraser, Jim Russell and Frank Stewart, M.P.

Those and dozens of other reminiscences of the great team of artists flow easily, tap-like, from Jim Russell, who is at present writing a book on the incredible days of 'Smiths' Art Staff.

Jim inherited Mr. and Mrs. Pott and their cobbler, Whalesteeth from Cross but all other characters in the strip are his own creation.

Uncle Dick has, over the years, become the star of the strip. "In fact", Jim tells us, "in the USA where it is syndicated, the feature is known as 'Uncle Dick and his family.'"

Where does Jim Russell get his ideas?

"I mix with funny people," he quips. And that, after all, isn't so strange. Could you imagine getting funny ideas at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Sourpusses?

His great friend, Stan Cross, who died a few weeks ago at the age of 88, told how he got his ideas: "I have a bloody good laugh, then thing backwards."

His ideas come by sitting on his sun deck at his Kangaroo Point home, overlooking the Georges River and checking through notes he has made previously, while being in the company of "funny people", and reading through newspapers and magazines. An item will catch his eye and he can see the humour of a twist on a word, or a situation. Anything he thinks has a funny side he jots down and then he starts the job of refining them into usable jokes. Often he will think of the final words first and then, as Stan Cross said, "think backwards."

Jim goes his merry way setting new longevity records every day that will take some erasing in the future.

Publicity, of course, is a necessary part of a cartoonist's life, but Jim received more publicity than he bargained for last year when on a Pacific Cruise, he was stricken ill and spend the first four days in the ship's hospital. On reaching Port Vila he was rushed off to the English hospital for an emergency operation.

Trouble was there was no way of getting him back to Sydney by normal air or shipping services so the RAAF was called in. They were willing, and ready, but the drama started when the French Authorities refused permission for an Australian Army plane to fly into their military area.

Hours went by and Jim's condition worsened so much that the RAAF medical squad decided to take desperate measures. Meanwhile the Australian press, radio and TV took up the running. There were front page stories, editorials and news flashes. It was even featured in European papers because of the French connection.

Eventually the RAAF moved in, 18 hours later and, without the necessary landing papers, came in, picked up the patient, his wife Billie and his daughter, Judith, (who had been flown in by Qantas on a mercy dash) landing in Sydney at 1.00 a.m.

He survived, of course, although losing 4½ stone in weight, is now fighting fit and as busy as ever.

"I used to be fat and forty," he says. "Now I'm thin and thirty".

Recently he was featured on a session of the popular "This is Your Life" and the string of celebrities who turned up to pay tribute to his versatility was indicative of his breadth of interests.

His wife swears that he is the original of Uncle Dick, and she should know. But Jim says if she repeats such a slander publicly he'll sue her for a million dollars. Which seems to prove that at least there is some of Uncle Dick in Jim Russell, cartoonist, sports administrator, Travel entrepreneur and Tourist official.

"In fact", Jim adds, "he's got a little bit of every one of us in him."

"He isn't based on any one person in particular," says Jim. "He's a mix-up of all the lovable scoundrels we all know. He borrows money and doesn't pay his debts, loves to drink, smoke cigars and gamble and doesn't like work. He is a great planner of big deals, developments and any other schemes that can net him a million dollars. . . . providing someone else finds the capital".

Jim is critical of Australian newspapers for their lack of interest in developing local comic strips.

"They are more interested in buying cheap, imported comic strips from overseas," he says. "They do this because they are cheaper than the lowest award for Australia's creative artists, although the Sydney Sun-Herald and the Melbourne Herald both try, from time to time, to encourage new Australian strips but the artists are not well paid and new features are rare."





H.A. McGlynn, B.W. McHugh and D. Dransfield

Jim Comans
Tattersall's Club Chairman
congratulates Jockey Rod
Quinn. Background is Mr.
Peter Barnes & Secretary
Norman Smith with Mr.
Ron Dawson.



A.J.C. Clark and N. Solomon



A.J.F. Rofe and G.P. Hurst

JAMES BARNES PLATE

TATTERSALL'S CLUB SEPTEMBER

The Tattersall's Club spring meeting at Randwick won the James Barnes Plate and the Chelmsford Stakes.

Rodney Quinn rode the double, a unique performance of stairs of success. In fact Rodney Quinn is fast becoming an allowance when he landed Bazza a runaway winner in the James Barnes Plate.

Conditions of the race precluded any apprentice allowance for Quinn's allowance.

And the boy repaid their faith in his ability with a victory.

Bazza was Quinn's 14th winner for the season, showing the way to senior riders in the jockeys' premiership.

Bazza (9-2) dashed to the front before the home straight and won.

He beat Tod Bay (16-1) by three lengths with Peter.

Major Battle, the 10-9 favourite, once again left the field.

Flirting Prince won the Chelmsford (turn back) by Mr. K. Edge, Mr. & Mrs. G. Forster and T.J. Smith.

Punters were well on target and \$60,000 was won by the winner — his first win at weight for age.

A happy Chairman, Jim Comans, who loves his presentations in excellent style. Mr. Peter Barnes was the guest of honour.

There is a thought for next year to stage a presentation and their friends is forthcoming the idea will no doubt be a success.

It could be a good "pipe opener" for a happy day.



J. Garrity, Maj. Gen. J. Norrie & G.P. Hurst



A.W. Clarkson, Terry Smith and K.W. Goodwin



J.P. O'Neill, Dr. R. Dakin and J. Mann



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● BAZZA — (NZ) five year old gelding



ELMSFORD STAKES DAY

RACE MEETING RANDWICK

and fine club representation to see the feature races,

proves that this young rider has his foot well on the boom apprentice of racing, had no need for his Barnes Plate, 2000m.

but the Bart Cummings stable was happy to forgo

ride.

taking a leaf out of Malcolm Johnston's book by

ing his rivals struggling, and was untroubled in the

and (11-1) third, two lengths away.

in the training track.

for a nostalgic 1924 look). It is owned co-jointly trained him.

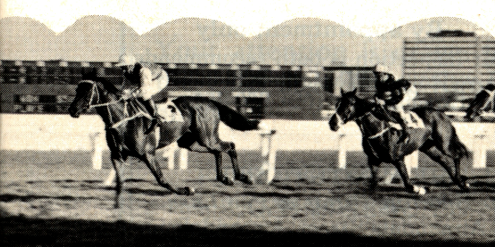
wagers. It was a weak WFA field but full credit goes

welcomed the sporting fraternity and conducted the his genial manner and warm personality.

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all's Club that follows.

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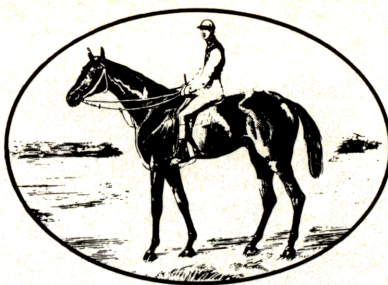
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Les Hodkinson, E. Smith and "Ernie" Tattersall's popular Steward is giving a message to Norman Smith, Tattersall's Club Secretary.



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Pool Splashes



by Sam Block

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The swimming season will commence on Thursday October 6. Brace Relay event over 40 yards.

New members will be particularly welcome, all that is necessary is a time trial which they can arrange at a time to suit their convenience with any of the swimming officials.

Winding up the 1976-77 season the Swimming Club will hold its **Presentation Evening on Tuesday, 25th October**, which will be held in the Club Room with drinks etc. from 6.30 p.m. to 8.00p.m. followed by a Dinner Dance in the Dining Room until midnight.

As bookings are limited it is suggested that reservations be made as soon as possible.

To club supporters who donated trophies, A. J. (Tony) McSweeney, Jack Mandel, Tom Powell, M.W.R. (Mick) Bartley, Mrs. M. Tidmarsh, Ian Joyce and Arthur McCamley got the thanks of the members..

Personally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the members of my Committee, Club Chairman, Jim Comans, Arthur McCamley, Leigh Bowes, Max Sernack (starter and honorary photographers), Bill Debney and my right hand assistant Alec McLelland for their hearty co-operation, also Norm Rogers, Bryan Mortensen, Charles Coppa for their generous assistance at all times.

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Epicureans

by Peter Ashby

It was a night of spirit (and spirits) at Tattersall's Epicureans Traditional Scottish Night.

Hosted by Basil Phillips in the grand manner (we never did learn what a Scotsman has beneath his kilt) we soon discovered that Athol Brose is not always the name of a Scot and that Spotted Dog need not be a four legged friend (or foe). And how enjoyable was the opening skirmish with a wee drappie of Athol Bose and to my perculiar way of thinking it was far too wee a drappie. This will prove to be a never to be forgotten thirst quencher, the most delightful liquid mixture ever concocted, a gloriously rich, tasty, creamy, smooth potion.

The happy throng was piped into the Dining Room, yes, real Scottish pipes and drums, of course, and the festivities commenced with the Selbink Grace.

The Canapes Carnoustie were of a high standard and the Scotch Broth was rich thick and thankfully hot.

During these concupiscible proceedings I was testing the various servings of McLaren Vale Dry White and Red, mainly to satisfy myself of any variation in the standard of bottlings.

The Highland Beef followed the trout (with further wine testing) and a welcome to all by Epicurean Chief, Victor "Mac" Vadas.

Colin and Kay Campbell certainly enjoyed the evening with Alexander and Heather Brennan. Heather recounted a tale of her grandmother at breakfast saying, "The scrapings of the muckle pot are better than the we'en fu'll."

ATHOL BROSE RECIPE

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- 1-bottle of Scotch
- 2½-oz medium ground oatmeal.
- 1-lb honey
- 1-pint fresh cream

Soak oatmeal for 40 hours in scotch. Strain off kernel. Add honey, mix thoroughly and allow to stand for 48 hours. Add cream and mix thoroughly and allow to stand in fridge for minimum of 24 hours.

It was stated that the mixture would last indefinitely while stored under refrigeration. Not with my friends, it wouldn't last through the mixing process.

Epicurean dates to remember:

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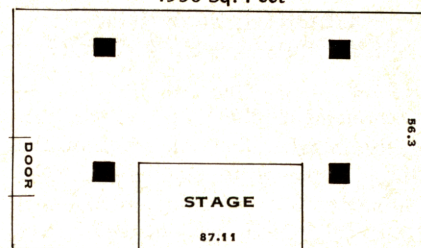
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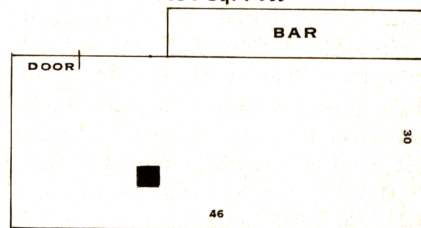
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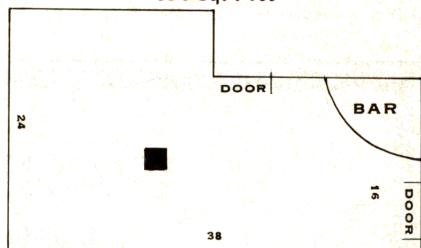
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GEORGE MORROW NEW SINGLES CHAMPION

After a number of unavoidable postponements the long awaited final of the Singles Championship of the Club was played at Double Bay. The opponents were George Morrow and David Cohen. If my memory serves me right neither of them had reached the final of the Singles in the past. However, it was not surprising for they had both won their way to the final by consistent good bowling and their supporters were evenly divided and the experts all tipped an even match.

George Morrow had entered the final by defeating the holder of the title, Ron Relton. As was to be expected this was closely contested with George eventually winning 31/27.

David Cohen had won his way into the final winning his semi-final match against Horrie Abbott 31/16.

On his way to the final George had wins against Eric Crittenden 31/23, Fuzz Porter 31/17, Jack McKell 31/24 and Ron Relton 31/27.

In the other section of the draw David accounted for Harold McKay 31/26, Peter McGrath 31/15, Lou Malouf 31/14 and Harrie Abbott 31/16. In a word a close final was in order.

The match began with David scoring one spot on the first end only to see his opponent win the next six ends with 3.3.2.1.1. shots and run away to a lead of 11 to 1 with seven ends played over the next seven ends David was able to win four to three by George and reduce the deficit 9 to 15. Maintaining form he was able to repeat the performance, again to win four of the seven ends to trail 15 to 19. With a further shot on the twenty second end and a further three shots on the twenty third end he had levelled the score at 19 all, only to see George pick up three shots on the next end to move into the lead once more. With the score 22 to 19 in his favour George maintained his advantage when the twenty eight end had been left behind to still be in front 24 to 21. The next end a vital one for each player enabled George to win the end by three shots and race away to a

lead of 27 to 21. Not to be out done David hit back once more and with thirty one ends played still trailed 25 to 29. The end came with only one more end needed as George with three shots decided the issue winning 31 to 25. Congratulations to both. To George on his win and to David on his hard fight back.

With the colder months coming to an end an appeal is made to all members to put in an appearance at our Thursday games for attendances over the last two months have been far from encouraging.

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HANDBALL NOTES

by Peter Ashby

OPENING ROUND IN 1977 TATTERSALL'S PLATE

Somnolent inaction again epitomised the various handball competitions awaiting decision on the famous Tattersall's Handball Courts.

Fortunately the opening rounds in Tattersall's Plate have been completed with Michael O'Dea, Ron Tubb and Ron Rogers versus Gary Stubbs in the semi-finals. The final will be decided in October prior to the presentation night in the Sportsman's Room.

There were some surprises in the first round with the old adage that handball is an old man's game proven to have some foundation in fact. Old men of the game, Tony Brown, Ron Tubb, Gary Stubbs and Ray Hopkins were all successful over younger and more favoured opponents.

In my opinion, the really great father of the game, Michael O'Dea, will again have a big year.

Tony Brown, ex-Australian Rugby League five eighth, paying for Bondi Icebergs, beat one of the favourites, John McNerney, in an exhilarating display by both contestants. John, a relative newcomer, but one of great promise, plays an enterprising, hard hitting game but while he enjoys the uncertainty of shot making and speed, to certainty and steadiness, he must be prepared to take second place to the oldies who have perfected an approach to matches that produces victories.

Ron Tubb beat Bondi stalwart, Reg Chappell, 31-21. If the score was completely disregarded the result would have been a dead-heat because of the evenness of general play. Ron went to an early lead and he managed to control the game throughout but Reg never gave up his attempt to gain the lead. It was a long game and with an ounce of luck Reg would have made it a very close one.

Ron Rogers started very scratchily against Noel Vella from Bondi but as soon as he was able to sight the ball properly played some of his best shots at blistering speed. Noel is no slouch at the speed game but on the night was no match for the winner of the first two Tattersall's Plates.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

A Grade

Charlie Robinson caused the upset of the round by beating Ray Hopkins. The first set was a runaway 21-9 but Ray bounced back to take the second set 21-18. The third and decider set proved a cliff hanger, 21-19. Neil Rogers beat Bill Sellen in a stutterer, 21-14, 21-14. Club champion Michael O'Dea beat Bob Callaghan 21-17, 21-14. Ron Rogers took Malcolm Fuller in two sets and Bill Hannan beat Norman Rogers in an exciting marathon 21-19, 22-24, 21-19.

B Grade

Charles Griffiths and Bill Blakemore received forfeits. Bill Orme defeated John Barnes 21-10, 24-22. Rod Fisher beat Sam Kay by two sets to nil and John Byrne accounted for Peter Ashby by a similar margin. Tony Bain beat Stan Heaton and Martin McCurrich caused the upset of this grade by gaining the decision against Ven Hrouda.

C Grade

Arthur O'Connor, Max Sernack and Clive Milliken were victors by walkovers and Steve Larkin enjoyed the luxury of a bye. Gordon Salier beat the improving Les Hams 21-9, 21-18. Neville Amy beat second favourite Paul Vrachress 21-19, 21-19. Richard Horne beat David Castle 21-19, 21-12.

D Grade

Walkovers were credited to Tim O'Donnell-Maher, Nick Virag, Michael Frawley and Brian Mortensen. In what was perhaps the final, Stan Droder beat Doug Salier in two close sets and

John Reid chalked up a similar victory at the expense of Dick Fairley. Bill Debney showed that practice is essential in beating Bill Hannan Jr. 2 sets to nil.

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GOLF

PLEASANT DAY AT PENNANT HILLS

Pennant Hills Golf Club was the scene for a happy Tattersalls Club Golf Club day in August. The challenging course held no terrors for Bill Hunt and Partner Bill Moore. They combined well to win the four ball event with 44 points.

Bill Firkin and Rob Elvy were close on their heels with 43 points. Visitor Firkin certainly played well he scored 40 points (11/8) Producing excellent Golf.

On the basis of one prize one player he elected to receive the runner up prize in the fourball.

Ken Wright (14/11) with 37 became the winner of the Visitors Singles.

The ever consistent and smiling Steve Zappia won the Members.

Course notes include new member Hughie Gage — covered the course well. His Horse Black and Gold was included in the conversation and you can be sure it will run well in The Spring.

Basil Phillips (not wearing his kilts) had some "Good News and Bad News" scoring 27 points.

Messrs Pearce, Wall, Upton and Hackett had a battle royal with former pair winning in a fun packed game.

Bill Dave Emanuel and Ken Wright scoring 40 points accounted for John Claremont (of Pymble Club) and Bill Tunbridge.

COMING EVENTS

GOLF CLUB — Thursday, 20th October, Strathfield Golf Club.

HANDBALL CLUB — Thursday, 20th October. Presentation Night, Sportsmen's Room.

SWIMMING CLUB — Tuesday, 25th October. Dinner Dance Presentation Night.

City to Surf...

THE RACE OF THE CENTURY

It was a glorious sunny day and 15,000 enthusiastic runners faced the starter and at least 11,000 finished the gruelling epic.

Tattersall's have always had a number of entries and usually acquit themselves in a successful effort.

Our top performer this year was popular Nick Heath on 58-18, Robert Barnes 58-30, Warren Duncan 58-56, David Jackson 59-00, David Barnett 59-48, John McInerney 63-46, Paul Landa 64-40, Philip King 64-46, George Andrews 70-14, Brian Carpenter 70-20, Peter Burrows 70-30, Russell Whitmont 70-52, George Lawson 72-18, Robert Tobias 74-38, Ian Foulsham 75-04, Len Blanket 76-10, Stan Heaton 76-10, Cliff Carpenter 77-06, Roger Falkner 81-48 and Geoff Tapperell 78-30.

Sam Block provided names of members taking part and said any omission is due to failing eyesight, so please accept his apologies if he missed you.

Billiards & Snooker

by Sid Lane

The 1977 tournaments are progressing and are commanding a lot of attention from players and spectators — especially the gamblers, who like to have an interest in every match irrespective of the players' reputations.

The very fact that so many favoured players take a tumble in these "out frame" contests add to the risks that have been taken by optimistic bidders at the Calcutta auction, as evidenced by some of the following results.

George Bloomfield (an expensive purchase) succumbed to Lester Lill who was knocked down rather cheaply.

Jack Chown was defeated by his very old friend Roy Bryden — they also shared the ownership of each other in the Calcutta — luck of the draw!

Peter Holohan defeated Bobby Lavigne	
Nick Layton	John Lavigne
Peter Twigg	Nick Shehadie
John McSweeney	Stuart Adams
Angus Foster	Clive Milliken
Peter McGrath	Richard Horne
Bob Bradshaw	Tony Murphy
Arthur O'Connor	Steve Brown
Digger Lobb	John Peoples
Bill Henneberry	Colin Cain
Ken Upton	Neil Rogers
Ben Gerakiteys	John Stratton
Rod Fisher	John Gratton
Norman Rogers	Peter Dind
Lee Bluett	Steve Brown
Bruce Cox	Colin Cain

Many stories could be told about these matches, but space is limited. Nevertheless I must tell you about Phil Hase. He got the worst of the draw, having to meet Barry Doyle in the first round: Warren Simpson (45 behind) in the second round; and Warren Foster (5 behind) in the third round. Phil stayed like the true scratch player that he is and eliminated these three very worthy opponents. As a matter of interest Warren Simpson went to a lead of seven points before all the reds had been cleared, but Phil hung on an eventually potted the black to tie. The black was then re-spotted — Warren won the toss and sent Phil "in" — after the "break" Warren tried a very difficult pot which he just missed, leaving beaming Phil an easy shot to win.

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